

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An apparatus formed to fix a thermoplastic mask to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a member having a teeth-receiving portion formed to be positioned adjacent to a cranio facial bone of the patient,

a generally rigid fixation member coupled to the member, the fixation member including a plate and a fastener, and

a distinct fastener plate formed for coupling with the fastener to couple the mask to the fixation member so that the member is in a fixed position relative to the mask.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the fixation member includes~~ An apparatus formed to fix a thermoplastic mask to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a member formed to be positioned adjacent to a cranio facial bone of the patient,

a generally rigid fixation member coupled to the member and including an attachment portion coupled to the member and a plate spaced-apart from the attachment portion, and

a distinct fastener plate formed to couple the mask to the fixation member so that the member is in a fixed position relative to the mask.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the fixation member further includes fasteners extending from the plate for engagement with the fastener plate.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~4~~ 2 wherein the fasteners include teeth.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~5~~ 2 wherein the fasteners include a tab and posts extending from the plate.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising a spacer positioned to lie between the fixation member and the fastener plate.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the member is a mouthpiece.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the fixation member includes a plate and at least one fastener extending from the plate, the fastener cooperating with the fastener plate to couple the member to the fastener plate.

Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the at least one fastener includes teeth.

Claim 10 (Original): The apparatus of claim 8 further comprises at least one spacer positioned to lie between the fixation member and the fastener plate.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): An apparatus formed to fix a thermoplastic mask to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a mouthpiece member,

a fixation member coupled to the mouthpiece member, the fixation member including a generally rigid plate and at least one fastener extending away from the plate, and

a distinct fastener plate formed for attachment with the at least one fastener so that the mask is coupled between the plate and the fastener plate.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the at least one fastener includes teeth.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the fixation member includes two fasteners.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): An assembly formed to immobilize a patient's skull during a medical procedure, the assembly comprising:

a thermoplastic mask, and

a generally rigid fixation member including an attachment portion, an extension extending from the attachment portion, and a plate coupled to the extension, the mask being formed to extend across the plate, and

a mouthpiece member coupled to the attachment portion of the fixation member in order that the mouthpiece member be coupled to the thermoplastic mask.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The assembly of claim 16 wherein the mask and mouthpiece member are coupled together with a the fixation member and a fastener plate.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): ~~The assembly of claim 17~~ An assembly formed to immobilize a patient's skull during a medical procedure, the assembly comprising:

a mouthpiece member having a teeth-receiving portion, and

a thermoplastic mask, wherein the mask and mouthpiece member are coupled together with an adhesive.

Claims 19-24 (Cancelled).